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Dear Shirley,

Sometime when you can, I'd appreciate a rundown on the official account of how Oswald got to Moscow, complete with dates and means. It is my recollection that they could not get him to Helsinki or, as might be more accurate, they said he was there without any possibility of this having been accomplished by commercial carrier.

C What I will really want to do in AGENT OSWALD is start with the Marienlykes in New Orleans, and take him, almost wave by wave.

Jack Martin, one of the less dependable sources, told me that Hugh Ward's father was captain of that ship.

O Hope I'll have a copy of COUP D'ETAT to lend you long enough to read soon. I'm going to write an epilogue charging a deal, with GForeman coming in for that purpose only. If you have copies of the St. Louis stories quoting Ray's brother, I'd especially like copies, of those that have appeared and those that may in the future. I regard this as significant. It fits my suspicions well and fills voids.

P We're both well, both pooped, Lil from the usual, me from a bout with a lingering fever bug.

Regards to you both,

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